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Witnesses sought after cyclist struck by vehicles

DEATH Police are searching for witnesses to a fatal collision on Tuesday night.

A westbound cyclist on Yellowhead Trail near 215 Street was struck from behind by a Chevy Cavalier around 11 p.m.

It's believed the man on the bike was attempting to cross the westbound lanes when he was hit by the car.

The driver immediately stopped, but the cyclist was struck by another vehicle, which also came to a halt.

Investigators believe the victim may have been struck by yet another vehicle that sped off.

The victim was not wearing a helmet or reflective gear, and has not yet been identified.

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Folk Fest **McLachlan takes the stage**



Sarah McLachlan performs as the headlining act for a massive crowd on the first night of the Edmonton Folk Fest at Gallagher Park. The festival is sold out and runs until Sunday.

Freed reporters return home

U.S. Two American journalists freed by North Korea tearfully reunited with their families in the United States yesterday while the Obama administration tried to squelch talk of a breakthrough in Washington's ties with Pyongyang.

President Barack Obama said he was "extraordinarily relieved" at the women's return, but insisted the way

for North Korea to improve relations with the United States was to give up nuclear weapons and stop its provocative behaviour.

The release was secured by former president Bill Clinton on Tuesday with reclusive leader Kim Jong-il, the first high-level U.S. contact with North Korea in nearly a decade.

Some analysts believe

Clinton's meeting with Kim could help restart talks on ending North Korea's nuclear weapons program, while some see it as a publicity coup for Kim.

Laura Ling, 32, and Euna Lee, 36, were arrested on March 17 for illegally crossing into the North from China and had been reporting on the trafficking of women.

REUTERS

'Half-Baked Bandit' on the loose

Man, 33, linked to string of robberies since escape

JASMINE FRANKLIN
for Metro Edmonton

Police are seeking the public's help in locating the escaped prisoner they call "the Half-Baked Bandit."

Gregory Marshall, 33, is unlawfully at large on two warrants out for his arrest after he escaped from minimum security Grierson prison on July 24, and he allegedly robbed two CIBC banks last week.

He is also a person of interest in three other robberies within the city, Staff Sgt. Stewart Callioux said, the latest taking place Tuesday at a TD bank in southeast Edmonton.

"If you see him, do not approach him," Callioux said. "Call 9-1-1, and let the police handle it. He is considered armed and dangerous."

When Callioux was asked how Marshall got his nickname, the answer was simple.

"He started out robbing bakeries within the city," Callioux said. "But it's not uncommon for robberies to be a result of drug habits."

The first alleged robbery

was on July 27 at a CIBC bank on 115 Street and 104 Avenue. Just two days later, Marshall allegedly robbed another CIBC on 156 Street and 87 Avenue.

He is also linked to three other robberies, one at a Rexall drugstore on 118th Avenue, a TD Bank branch on Aug. 1, and another TD branch on Tuesday.

In 2007, Marshall was arrested and charged with 18 counts of robbery for capers in Edmonton and the surrounding area.

The robberies began with small businesses like Booster Juice and Fabutan, where he also wielded weapons such as knives and hammers.

He was handed a six-year sentence for these prior offences, crimes that Callioux said left some tellers and business employees so emotionally distraught they quit their jobs.

Callioux added that Marshall may be using a stolen vehicle.

"It's unpredictable," Callioux said. "You never know how he may react, so if he is seen, be sure to call the police."



Gregory Marshall

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Unique musical mix planned

Combining blues, opera, reggae, Latin, gypsy and Nepali music is no easy feat, but will be attempted on Sept. 19 at the Westin Hotel in a fundraiser for the Patan Academy of Health Sciences, a Nepali medical school. For tickets to Jambhala, visit Tix on the Square. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Calling all anime fans

Love all things anime? Check out Animethon 16, running from Aug. 7-9 at the Grant MacEwan City Centre campus at 10700-104 Ave. For more information about the costumes, karaoke and other awesomeness involved visit www.animethon.org.

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Woman dies after her car rolls over

CRASH A 50-year-old Edmonton woman is dead after her Pontiac rolled off the highway just 14 kilometres north of Highway 55.

It is believed the Edmonton woman, whose name has not been released pending notification of next of kin, was heading northbound when she lost control at a curve in the highway.

The vehicle rolled, and as a result of the woman believed not to be wearing a seatbelt, she was ejected from the car.

The woman was pronounced dead at the scene.

Anyone who witnessed the collision is asked to call Boyle RCMP at 780-689-4081. **METRO EDMONTON**

News in brief

REPORTS From Jan. 1 to July 31, the Edmonton Police Service has received 5,130 calls from citizens reporting suspected impaired drivers on Edmonton streets. Of that total, there were 474 impaired charges laid, and 206 24-hour suspensions. An additional 912 registered owners received letters in the mail indicating that their driving habits were reported to police. If you see a suspected impaired driver, police ask you to call 9-1-1 and report the incident immediately.

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Video A judge acquits Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien of influence peddling charges, citing a less than credible witness, at metronews.ca/canada



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Alberta firefighters lending a hand

Group headed to B.C. to help battle wildfires ravaging that province

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A team of firefighters will suit up and ship out today, bound to battle hundreds of wildfires devouring B.C.'s interior.

The deployment comes two months after hundreds of firefighters flooded Alberta forests, where they battled lightning-sparked blazes that burned out of control.

"The situation is much more serious in British Columbia now," said Sustainable Resource Development spokesman Geoff Driscoll. "They're quite a bit busier than we were at that time."

Thousands have been forced from their homes across the coastal province, and over 78,000 hectares has burned since spring.



A helicopter drops water on hot spots as forest fire burns on the edge of Lillooet, B.C., north of Vancouver yesterday. A team of Alberta firefighters are headed to B.C. today to lend a hand.

Up to 150 Alberta firefighters will head west today, leaving Alberta fires burning on a "low to moderate" basis, Driscoll said. The call for help came earlier this week. After

the need for firefighters on Alberta soil was assessed, the group of 150 was given the green light.

Officials credit rain and cooler temperatures for reducing the wildfire haz-

ard here at home.

"We always have a sufficient number of firefighters to respond to any new wildfires, but we don't anticipate that with the amount of rain we've had

"Alberta is ready to lend firefighting resources to help our neighbours in a time of extreme wildfire activity and hazard in B.C."

Premier Ed Stelmach

over the past little while," Driscoll said.

Since April, nearly 1,300 wildfires have burned more than 64,000 hectares in Alberta.

Premier Ed Stelmach assured British Columbians yesterday that help is on the way.

"Alberta is ready to lend firefighting resources to help our neighbours in a time of extreme wildfire activity and hazard in B.C.," he said.

Eskimos get involved in kids' lives

JASMINE FRANKLIN
 for Metro Edmonton

Three members of the Edmonton Eskimos football team huddled up with dozens of children from the African Centre yesterday, spreading excitement across the board.

Honoree Chair of the Big Brother and Big Sisters program and Edmonton Eskimos player Kamau Peterson, 30, said nothing is more rewarding than helping the children in the program.

"It's a great cause, and a long standing tradition to be involved," Peterson said. "I love it."

The Big Brothers Big Sisters summer camp runs Tuesday to Friday, for six weeks, requires no fee and welcomes all children. With the help of the African Centre, the children are given meals every day.

"It only takes one hour a week to change someone's life," Summer program director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters Amber Lee said. "When it's summer this keeps them occupied."



Edmonton Eskimo Patrick Kabongo, left, and Isaac Menghisteab, 13, work out a play for a little game of football after some of the players stopped by the African Centre yesterday to play some sports and speak to children, who are recent immigrants to Canada from Africa.

Along with Peterson were teammates Patrick Kabongo and Willie Amos.

"It's important to embrace this culture," Kabongo told the chil-

dren. "But never forget who you are."

A lot of the children involved are new to Canada Lee said, and the program helps to keep them active while their families are

working.

Lee stresses that volunteers are always needed, and that those interested can contact them through their website, bigbrothersbig sisters.ca

Police release photo of man charged with sex attacks

VICTIMS Police have released the photo of a man recently arrested and charged in connection with a string of violent sexual assaults.

"We believe there may be additional victims who may not recognize the accused by name only and therefore are releasing his photograph," said EPS Sexual Assault Unit Staff Sgt. Brian Readman.

Investigators are hoping that if there are any other victims, they will come forward.

Norman Washington Walters, 22, was charged Tuesday with two counts of sexual assault, two counts of sexual assault with a weapon, three counts of possession of an offensive weapon dangerous to the public, two counts of unlawful confinement, robbery and theft over \$5,000.

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Sixty-one per cent of Americans believe the United States did the right thing by dropping the atomic bombs on Japan 64 years ago, according to a new poll. Older voters, men and Republicans favoured the attacks more than younger people, women and Democrats, the survey of 2,409 people by Quinnipiac University showed. **REUTERS**

Majority believe A-bomb attacks warranted: Poll

Canada/World

News in brief

POLITICS A proposed name change to make the storied New Democratic Party of Canada appear dynamic and modern may come with risks, says a University of Toronto professor, remember another political rebranding misstep — CCRAP (the Canadian Conservative Reform Alliance party). The NDP's name change is up for debate next week in Halifax when delegates at a party convention will decide whether to drop the "New" from New Democratic Party.

WIRELESS Legislators will hold an emergency day-long meeting tomorrow to examine the proposed sale of wireless assets from bankrupt Nortel Networks to Sweden's Ericsson, a deal that opposition parliamentarians say could be bad for Canada. Ericsson submitted a \$1.13-billion bid for the wireless assets in late July. However, Waterloo, Ont.-based BlackBerry maker Research In Motion says Nortel's technology should be kept in Canada. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Ottawa's mayor found not guilty

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada

After reading a 21-page written decision in a packed room at the Ottawa courthouse yesterday, Justice Douglas Cunningham dismissed both charges against Mayor Larry O'Brien.

O'Brien was found not guilty on two charges of influence peddling, which stemmed from allegations that he had offered to help Terry Kilrea obtain a position on the National Parole Board in exchange for Kilrea withdrawing from the 2006 mayoral campaign.

Cunningham said O'Brien may have made a



Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien, centre, gives a thumbs-up as he exits the courthouse yesterday after the verdict was delivered. Two influence peddling charges against O'Brien were dismissed.

rookie mistake, but "it is not an offence to want an opponent to withdraw from a political race, nor is it an offence to encourage

an opponent to seek alternative employment," he said. "Were this an offence, there would be a need for many more jails."

Retrial in Kremlin critic's murder may be halted

RUSSIA A Moscow court could halt the retrial of three men for the murder of Kremlin critic Anna Politkovskaya after prosecutors agreed yesterday the case should be merged with an investigation into who ordered the hit.

But a higher court ordered a retrial, a decision criticized by Politkovskaya's family, who yesterday petitioned for the case to be sent to state prosecutors.

The man accused of pulling the trigger also remains at large. **REUTERS**

Gym killer wrote about shooting

MURDERS A gunman who killed three women and injured nine others before killing himself at a gym in suburban Pittsburgh wrote on his web page about years of rejection by women, struggles with alcohol, domineering family members and an earlier failed shooting attempt, CBC News Online reports.

The three women killed Tuesday night were Heidi

Overmier, 46, Elizabeth Gannon, 49, and Jody Billingsley, 38.

The gunman was identified yesterday as George Sodini, 48.

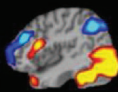
Authorities did not immediately confirm that the website belonged to Sodini, but the elaborate nature of the comments so soon after the shootings suggested authenticity. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Business

Labour cuts continue

Recession-wary Canadian employers likely laid off more workers in July as they sought to stay afloat by cutting labour costs, despite signs the economy may be bottoming out this quarter.

Markets expect Statistics Canada to report net job losses in July of 17,500, pushing the unemployment rate to an 11-year high of 8.8 per cent.

That would bring total job losses since the labour market peaked in October 2008 to 388,000.

"We're going to still be seeing a lot of losses be-

'Jobless recovery'

Most economists believe Canada's labour market will be much better off than in the United States, where many now expect a "jobless recovery" as layoffs persist even after economic growth picks up speed.

cause there are cutbacks in production, especially in the forestry industry," said Arlene Kish, senior economist at IHS Global Insight. "We've been seeing that corporate profits are not as bad, or have improved, but

again it's based on cost-cutting, so we're going to be seeing a lot of job losses through there."

The Bank of Canada and most economists expect the economy to start growing timidly in the third quarter after three quarters of contraction.

But job seekers won't notice much difference in their fortunes for months to come, most agree. The Canadian government has tried to dampen any hopes of a quick and painless recovery, while maintaining that the worst is over. **REUTERS**

Private pensions well-funded: DBRS

PENSION Private-sector pension plans in Canada are doing better than one might expect after the drop in stock markets in 2008, and funding pressures should remain manageable, rating agency DBRS said in a study yesterday.

After reviewing 70 defined-benefit pension plans at Canada's largest private-sector companies, DBRS said the plans were 95 per cent funded, a "relatively

moderate drop" from being 98 per cent funded in 2007.

"In fact, with the past emphasis on reducing pension deficiencies, pension plans are in a strong position to fulfill this goal over the medium term, once an economic recovery begins," said Peter Schroeder, managing director at DBRS.

The plans had \$149 billion in plan obligations and \$141 billion in plan assets, representing an \$8-billion underfunding gap. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

OIL Petrobank Energy and Resources Ltd. said yesterday it has offered to buy TriStar Oil & Gas Ltd. for \$2.24 billion in cash and stock, boosting its stake in a prolific Saskatchewan oil field and giving it the heft to cut costs. Petrobank said it will combine its own conventional oil assets, operated by its Canadian business unit, with TriStar and spin out a new company: PetroBakken Energy Ltd. PetroBakken will focus its holdings in southeastern Saskatchewan. **REUTERS**

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Comment

Final resting place for relationships

Relating

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History is said to be written by the victors, but sometimes it's written by its prisoners, those who just can't stop

thinking about it.

Take, for example, Relationship Obituaries (relationshipobit.com), the website created by NPR reporter Kathleen Horan to give the lovelorn a place to eulogize their dead relationships, remember good times gone, chew over old grudges, or just try to figure out what went wrong.

More than 1,000 contributors have posted their stories online and Horan has gathered the best of them

into a book, Relationship Obituaries: The Final Resting Place for Love Gone Wrong.

The idea of a relationship obit makes emotional sense. There is real grief in a breakup. It came to Horan as she dealt with the twin shock of her father's death and getting dumped by her boyfriend. Writing her father's obituary seemed to help her make sense of things, so she wrote another one for her relationship.

"It was a goofy thing to

On the web

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do, but it made it feel real so I could finally cremate the thing and move on," she writes.

As for taboos about speaking ill of the dead, or the revisionist politeness that creeps into all but the best obituaries, little can be detected. Obit and autopsy are

rolled into one as contributors are encouraged to diagnose the cause of death.

Since they are almost all written by one party to a relationship, they are necessarily one-sided affairs, and some really put the bitch, bitch, bitch in obituary.

Not that a lot of it doesn't sound justified. Utterly credible stories of cheaters, abusers, boozers and losers abound, sometimes all in the same obit.

Most of the writers seem

to be women. This may or may not surprise you. It didn't surprise me. The freshly ditched man is, in my experience, less likely to spend weeks or months meticulously measuring and apportioning blame than he is to immediately gather buddies and beverages to convene a rigorous Irish wake for the deceased. It's just our way.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

More to Hate about reality TV romances

FourthWave

Canice Leung

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Meet Luke Conley. He's a great catch: He earns six figures as a real estate investor and is a homeowner at just age 26. He's ready to settle down — with one of 20 women on Fox's new reality show More to Love.

Luke is six-foot-three and 330 pounds. His favourite activities? Eating (cue close-ups of him eating cheeseburgers). Luke's favourite food? "Anything thick and juicy." His

prospective mates are also chubby — no matter, though, because he's attracted to "voluptuous, curvy women."

More to Love is touted as the real woman's dating show — the average American woman weighs 162.9 pounds, stands five-foot-four and wears size 14, which isn't too far off from the contestants — but there's no shortage of ways to remind viewers these women are fat.

Contestant Danielle dejectedly describes her dating history: "Always the bridesmaid, never the bride." Their heights and weights are displayed on-screen. One 30-year-old confesses she's never been on a date.

Like most dating shows, it sells the notion that the man makes the woman, and without them, their lives are "less-than" blank slates, upon which men can impress their positive influence.

Sound like a more humiliating version of The Bachelor? Then it's no surprise More to Love was created by The Bachelor's Mike Fleiss. Hell, when news of the show emerged in May, the working title was The Fatchelor. Fleiss admitted to Business Week that reality TV pushes style over substance.

There's no shortage of style here: The camera unflatteringly catches Danielle from behind as she heaves herself out of a

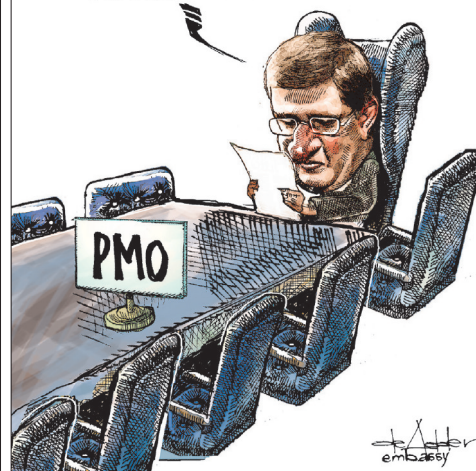
pool. The contestants mingle with Mr. Handsome, food and drink in hand. "I love me a stick of meat!" says Bonnie, wrapping her mouth around a kebab.

What are fat people but a curiosity? They're clearly not good enough for regular, non-fat dating shows, otherwise we'd see them outside this arena for mockery.

More to Love may purport to show real women as sexy, desirable beings, but producers turned them into objects as one-dimensional as the Barbies they're not.

Canice Leung is a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.

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Canada has moved up 26 spots in FIFA's world rankings following its run at the CONCACAF Gold Cup. Canada is No. 66 on the list released yesterday after two wins and one draw at the Gold Cup before losing to Honduras in the quarter-finals. Brazil retained its No.1 berth ahead of Spain and the Netherlands. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



NFL's new highest paid player

Eli Manning, left, has agreed to a new \$97-million US, six-year contract extension with the New York Giants that will make him the highest paid player in the NFL with an average salary of roughly \$15.3 million. A person close to the talks who asked not to be identified says Manning is guaranteed \$35 million under the deal that will keep him with the Giants through the 2015 season.

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Recovering Woods relaxes major standard for 2009

GOLF Winning at least one major title has always been the yardstick for a good year according to Tiger Woods, but for 2009 he is prepared to relax his goal.

The world No. 1 has not clinched a major victory since the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines, having then been sidelined for eight months while having reconstructive knee surgery.

"This year I think just being able to come back and play and be successful again has been a tremendous step in the right direction," Woods told reporters at Firestone Country Club yesterday.

"If you would have asked me at the beginning of the year before I even played whether I'd have four wins

by now, I couldn't see it because walking 18 holes was going to be a task."

Since returning to the PGA Tour for the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship in late February, Woods has triumphed four times in 11 starts, most recently at the Buick Open on Sunday.

"If you would have asked me at the beginning of the year before I even played whether I'd have four wins by now, I couldn't see it because walking 18 holes was going to be a task."

Tiger Woods

especially when I'm just starting back.

"To win, and not only win but be as consistent as I've been the entire year coming back, that's one of the things I'm probably the most proud of." **REUTERS**

Door open for Balsillie

Judge rules RIM boss will be permitted to bid at Coyotes auction

It was a Baum-shell ruling that, at least in the view of a certain bankruptcy court, keeps alive Jim Balsillie's dream of moving the Phoenix Coyotes to Hamilton, Ont.

In a decision filed in a Phoenix court yesterday, Judge Redfield T. Baum ruled that a Sept. 10 auction for the bankrupt Coyotes "shall be open to any and all bidders" and not restricted to those wishing to keep the team in Arizona.

That means Balsillie, the Canadian billionaire and Research in Motion co-founder, will have his bid of \$212.5 million (all figures U.S.) heard along with two other bids for the NHL franchise. Baum earlier referred to Balsillie's offer as the "highest and best" of the three anticipated bids.

"We think Jim Balsillie's bid will emerge the winner because it offers the best financial terms and the most solid hockey market in Hamilton."

Bill Walker, spokesman for Jim Balsillie

"From the time his bid was launched, Jim Balsillie has said that all he is asking for is a chance to bid for the Coyotes at auction through the bankruptcy court process on a level playing field and let the best bid win. That's fair and transparent. It's the best outcome for creditors and for the future of the franchise," Balsillie spokesperson Bill Walker said in a statement.

"We think Jim Balsillie's bid will emerge the winner because it offers the best financial terms and the

most solid hockey market in Hamilton."

Understanding that his ruling will be contentious, Baum has scheduled a hearing for Aug. 11 to examine all the issues surrounding the auction.

The NHL, for example, rejected Balsillie as a potential owner on July 29. The league's board of governors voted (26 against, three abstaining, one absent) to "disapprove" Balsillie, the league noting that he "lacks the good character and integrity required" by the NHL's bylaws.

So this case, already overflowing with nastiness, is likely to get even uglier, but Baum vowed the Coyotes will have a new owner by Sept. 11.

The Coyotes are scheduled to play their first exhibition game on Sept. 15 but Balsillie insists, if awarded the franchise, he will be able to have it up and running in Hamilton for the coming season. The NHL says that is logistically impossible.

There has also been no ruling on whether Balsillie could break the Coyotes lease and there is also the sticky matter of compensation for the Maple Leafs and Sabres. So even if Balsillie is awarded the team, there remains much to be settled.

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Toronto second baseman Aaron Hill attempts to turn a double play over New York's Johnny Damon last night in Toronto. The Yankees beat the Blue Jays 8-4.

Damon leads Yankees past Blue Jays

BASEBALL Johnny Damon went 3-for-5 with a homer and drove in three runs to help the New York Yankees earn a two-game sweep with an 8-4 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

The Yankees opened a 2½-game lead in the AL East over the Boston Red Sox, who invade the Bronx for a four-game weekend set starting today.

Nick Swisher was 2-for-5 with a solo homer for the

MLB RESULTS

New York 8 Toronto 4



Yankees, who have won three in a row. Mark Teixeira drove in a pair of runs, while Hideki Matsui and Eric Hinske drove in a run each.

Adam Lind and Marco Scutaro had a solo homer each for the Blue Jays, who have dropped five of seven. Alex Rios and Vernon Wells also had an RBI apiece in the setback. Aaron Hill went 0-for-5 and saw his 13-game hitting streak halted.

Marc Rzepczynski (1-3) took the loss after giving up four runs on five hits over six-plus frames.

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Sports in brief

CFL Edmonton Eskimos running back Calvin McCarty was named CFL Gibson's Finest Canadian Player of the Month for July, the league said yesterday. McCarty scored five touchdowns in the month.

BASEBALL The Chicago Cubs released B.J. Ryan yesterday after the former Blue Jays closer reportedly told the team he wouldn't be effective this year and wanted to go home to regroup.

ARENA FOOTBALL The Arena Football League has shut down indefinitely. The league sent a terse, one-paragraph statement to its teams late Tuesday announcing it had suspended operations.

NHL Veteran defenceman Teppo Numminen announced his retirement yesterday after 20 years in the NHL. The 41-year-old Finn spent the last four seasons in Buffalo. He also had stops in Winnipeg, Phoenix and Dallas during his career.

HOCKEY Brendan Shanahan is returning for a 22nd NHL season. The 40-year-old forward signed a one-year deal with the New Jersey Devils yesterday.

HOCKEY The Pittsburgh Penguins hired Tony Granato as an assistant coach yesterday. The 45-year-old spent the last six seasons as an assistant and head coach of the Colorado Avalanche.

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Metro Homes

Deep discount season descends

HomeScape

Sylvia Putz



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Shopping is like an addiction for some. I'm not normally one of them, I'm afraid.

If the truth be told, I'd rather be doing something else most of the time. Shopping for the household and family has always seemed to me to be a chore.

But I have to admit, sales featuring deep discounts still give me a sense of anticipation, a sense of the hunt and kill. Many of you

know exactly what I'm talking about.

Consider seasonal sales. They follow a very predictable schedule. As surely as fall follows the summer, retailers need to clear their inventory to make room for the next season's clothing and goods.

For example, every year, around this time, summer things go on sale, sometimes with fantastic discounts. Bathing suits, beach towels, outdoor furniture and accessories, picnic dishes, shorts, summer pants, tops, shirts and dresses fill the bargain racks.

Also look for sales on sporting equipment used in the summer (kayaks, canoes, tents and

camping gear), barbecues, fans, lawnmowers, and linens, and blankets — which tend to be lighter in weight and colour during the summer months.

Also coming up are summer sales on plants, both perennial and annual, plus gardening paraphernalia, such as planters, hoses, watering cans and so on. So if you're in the market for any of these types of items, now is the time

that these sales start, and they'll go on into September in one form or another.

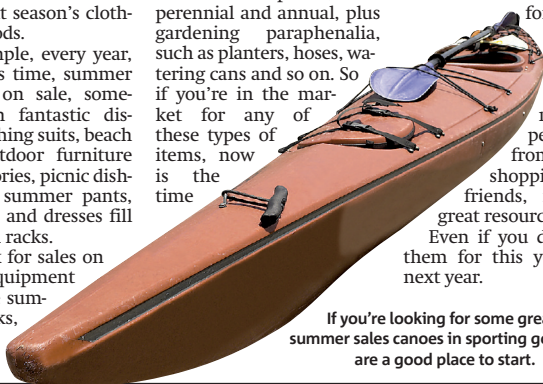
To find the best sales, keep an eye out for flyers and newspaper advertisements, and check your favourite stores' websites

for online end-of-summer specials.

Word of mouth, especially from your shopping-happy friends, is also a great resource.

Even if you don't need them for this year, think next year.

If you're looking for some great end-of-summer sales canoes in sporting goods stores are a good place to start.



I say this with some hesitation, though, because I have personal experience with people who cannot resist a bargain, no matter how pointless the purchase. If you recognize yourself here, commit to at least thinking honestly about potential uses of the item before you plunk down your money. Furthermore, don't burden relatives or friends with stuff they won't like or don't need. Only do it if you know preferences, needs and size requirements.

That being said, some things are obvious. If you are in the market for a set of outdoor dining furniture, for instance, or you will be soon, end-of-summer sales this year could net you substantial

savings. This option is far superior to buying in the spring, when you will pay top dollar.

If you're like me, there's nothing that makes me gnash my teeth more than seeing that cute patio furniture set that I couldn't resist buying first thing in the spring on sale for half price mid-way through August.

Besides the summer sales that are currently upon us, other predictable months for sales are January when Christmas stock is being downloaded at reduced prices, and March when winter coats and boots and sporting gear is being cleared out.

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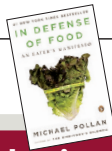
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In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto by Michael Pollan topped the cookbook bestsellers' list last week at Amazon.ca. The Omnivore's Dilemma came in second and Simply Great Food in third. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Food

In 1986, the city of Nanaimo, B.C., held a contest to find the best Nanaimo bar recipe. A recipe submitted by Joyce Hardcastle won and is now known as the official Nanaimo bar recipe.



Fave flavour?

Today, many variations for the middle layer of a Nanaimo Bar exist — such as cherry, peanut butter, mint and cappuccino.

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Hot sandwich, cool bar

Quick and easy summer recipes are only a click away thanks to 20 Minute Super Club. Find lots of inspiring alternatives to burgers 'n' dogs in the brand-new Grill Guide at 20minutesupperclub.com.

This week's tasty and nutritious meal features a Summer Sausage BBQ Panini Sandwich with Corn Relish, and delicious Nanaimo Bars for dessert. Ciabatta bread is ideal for this sandwich because of its crusty outside and airy interior. If you don't have a barbecue, you can also use a Panini grill or heavy-bottomed skillet.

Nanaimo Bars are satisfying any way you make them, but in the ones pictured we actually doubled

the chocolate to get that thick, chocolatey base. The best part about these sweet treats is that you can freeze them and they still keep their decadent flavour. —CHRISTY PENGILLY

Summer Sausage Panini Sandwich with Quick Corn Relish

Recipe Developed by Paula Bowman.

SERVES 4

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES

COOKING TIME: 10 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cobs corn, kernels removed
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/4 cup finely diced red onion
- 3 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp sugar

- 1/4 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 avocado, halved, pitted, peeled and roughly diced
- 1/4 tsp minced garlic
- 1 16 oz ciabatta bread or 4 individual ciabatta rolls, halved diagonally
- 2 plum tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 8 slices old cheddar
- 1/2 lb thin sliced Mennonite summer sausage or similar summer sausage

METHOD:

1. Preheat grill to medium-high
2. In a non-stick skillet set over medium-high heat, combine first 6 ingre-



Summer Sausage Panini.

dients plus 1-tablespoon olive oil and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until liquid has been absorbed and corn begins to lightly caramelize, about 6 minutes. Remove from heat, season with salt and pep-

per and set aside.

3. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine avocado and garlic and stir in 2-teaspoons olive oil, mash slightly with a fork, season with salt and pepper and mix well. Lightly brush outside of ciabatta loaf with remaining olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Lay both halves of bread open on a cookie sheet and spread avocado mixture on inside top layer of bread. Cover avocado with a layer of tomatoes, followed by layers of cheese and summer sausage. When corn relish is finished cooking, distribute evenly to bottom layer of bread. Put both halves together and press gently.

4. Transfer sandwiches to a hot grill and cook,

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pressing lightly with a spatula until crispy on the bottom, about 3 minutes. Carefully turn sandwiches over, using a spatula and continue to cook until crispy and warmed through, about 3 minutes. Use cookie sheet to transfer to cutting board. Cut sandwich into quarters and serve warm.

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Fast Flavours from Donna Hay

Fridge and pantry empty? Take heart from the simple combinations in the Fast Flavours chapter — in Donna Hay's No Time To Cook — which only needs a few ingredients, a grill pan or a barbecue, and a few minutes to let intense flavours unfold. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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No time to cook?

Donna Hay is one of the best-known names in cookbook and magazine publishing in the world: Her previous books have sold more than 2.2 million copies worldwide.

Hay's new book, No Time to Cook: Fresh & Easy Recipes for a Fast Forward World (HarperCollins), is full of delicious, simple food that won't eat up your whole evening. HarperCollins Canada offered Metro these two recipes:

Spinach, Ricotta & Dill Pies
SERVES 2
NOW, 2 LATER

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 sheets (25 cm x 25 cm) store-bought shortcrust pastry, thawed

Spinach-ricotta filling:

- 250 g frozen spinach, thawed
- 600 g ricotta
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup (40 g) finely grated parmesan
- 2 green onions (scallions), finely sliced
- 2 table-

- spoons coarsely chopped flatleaf parsley leaves
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- spoons coarsely chopped dill leaves
- sea salt and cracked black pepper

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 180°C (355°F). Cut pastry to fit 4 x 1-cup (250ml) pie dishes, allowing for an overhang. To make the spinach-ricotta filling, squeeze out excess water from

spinach, place in bowl with ricotta, eggs, parmesan, onion, parsley, dill, salt and pepper and mix together well. Divide filling between pastry-lined dishes and bake for 30 minutes or until filling sets. To

freeze, wrap pie dishes in a layer of baking paper, then plastic wrap and aluminium foil to seal.



Freeze for up to 3 months.

Flourless Chocolate Cake
SERVES 12

INGREDIENTS:

- 350 g quality dark chocolate, chopped
- 185 g unsalted butter, chopped
- 6 eggs
- 1 cup (220 g) brown sugar
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) hazelnut liqueur

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Flourless Chocolate Cake.

- 1 cup (100 g) ground hazelnuts

Hazelnut cream:

- 300 ml cream
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) hazelnut liqueur, extra

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 170°C (340°F). Line the base and sides of a 22-cm springform pan with non-stick baking paper.

Place chocolate and butter into a saucepan over low heat and



Spinach, Ricotta & Dill Pies.

stir until melted.

Place eggs, sugar, liqueur and hazelnuts into a bowl and whisk to combine. Add chocolate mixture and whisk until smooth. Spoon mixture into tin and cover with aluminium foil.

Bake for 40 minutes. Remove foil and cool cake in tin then refrigerate until cold.

To make hazelnut cream, place the cream and liqueur in a bowl and beat with electric beaters or a whisk until soft peaks form. Cover and refrigerate until just before serving. Serve with hazelnut cream.



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Though close to two-thirds (64 per cent) of Canadian Baby Boomers look for food options that are rich in omega-3 compared to five years ago, a vast number are unable to identify foods beyond fish specifically known for their omega-3 benefits — like walnuts, soy and flax. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Nanaimo Bars

SERVES 16
PREP TIME: 20 MINUTES
COOKING TIME: 2 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

Bottom Layer:

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 5 tablespoon cocoa powder
- 2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg beaten
- 1-1/2 cup graham wafer crumbs
- 1/2 cup finely chopped hazelnuts (or try pecans, walnuts or almonds)
- 1 cup finely shredded coconut

Middle Layer Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoon milk
- 1 tablespoon 35% cream
- 2 tablespoon vanilla custard powder
- 2 cup icing sugar

Top Layer Ingredients:

- 4 ounce bittersweet chocolate
- 2 tablespoon unsalted butter

METHOD:

1. Melt first four ingredients in double boiler.
2. Add egg and stir to cook and thicken. Remove from heat.



The best part about Nanaimo Bars is that you can freeze them and they still keep their decadent flavour.

3. Stir in crumbs, nuts and coconut. Press firmly into a greased 8" x 8" pan. Chill while you prepare the middle layer.

Middle Layer:

1. Using an electric mixer, cream all ingredients together, beating well until light in colour.
2. Spread evenly over chilled bottom layer. Place back into fridge to chill while top is being prepared.

Top Layer:

1. Melt chocolate and butter in a bowl over a double boiler.
2. Cool slightly — the chocolate should still be pourable.
3. Spread gently over second layer so as not to mix the two layers together.
4. Refrigerate until set.



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Peter Rockwell

The when-in-doubt wine

A few weeks ago I mentioned that riesling-based wines were one of a number of '70s drinkables making a serious 21st century comeback and it's great to hear that so many of you agree.

I received at least a gigabytes worth of email suggesting the grape makes a happy union with everything from Chinese, Japanese and Mexican dishes to shellfish, poultry and most cheeses.

This ability to accommodate has made riesling the classic when-in-doubt wine. Of course it tastes great on its own, but it really shines when served with food. Also, the fact that it's grown so successfully around the world gives it an international personality (i.e. they don't all taste the same) that makes it even

more appealing to the serious wine enthusiast.

Riesling's first home was Germany and soft, fruity wines like **Lingenfelder's 2005 Bird Label Riesling (\$14.95 - \$18.99)** are the modern face of the grape in that country. Tasting like biting into a juicy green apple; it's truly medium dry with a nice nip of acidity. Australia's **Wolf Blass 2007 Yellow Label Riesling (\$13.99 - \$17.99)** has a bit more of that old school petrol aroma and a refreshingly dry flavour of apple and mineral.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.



Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

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Kim Kardashian isn't just sitting around after her breakup with Reggie Bush, people.com reports. According to her sister, Kourtney, the reality star is making a life change. "We actually went looking for houses yesterday," she told Ryan Seacrest Wednesday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Kim shakes things up

Celebrity Buzz

Some father, Ryan's son says

FAMILY FEUD More tales of Ryan O'Neal's questionable parenting are surfacing. His oldest son, Griffin O'Neal, remembers when his father introduced him to illicit drugs.

"I was 11 years old when he gave me cocaine and said we are going to see a long movie called Barry Lyndon," Griffin recently told Larry King. "He said, 'It is a very long movie. Maybe this will help you.'



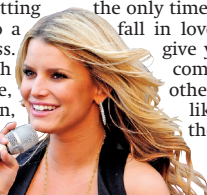
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I was 11," Griffin also doubts Ryan's grief over Farrah Fawcett's death. "All those crocodile tears. My dad's only goal was to make sure he would be in the will," he said. "It was so disgustingly transparent as soon as he found out she was terminal. I consider him a vulture presiding over a carcass."

Jessica takes breakup badly

OVERREACTING? Jessica Simpson takes breakups very seriously. The singer, who recently split from football star Tony Romo, even compares getting over a breakup to a mourning process. "You go through the mourning stage, then the rebellion, and then all of a sudden

you have to find life by yourself," Simpson said, according to Hollyscoop. "Once you do that, you feel complete — and that's the only time you can truly fall in love again, and give yourself over completely to another person. It's like a death in the family."



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I could've been Brit: Ashley

REFLECTIONS Growing up in the spotlight, Ashley Olsen is glad she's ended up on an even keel. "I look at Britney Spears, and I'm surprised I didn't end up like her," Olsen told Marie Claire.

Olsen remembers her childhood schedule

being beyond busy. "It was almost like I was in the Army: School, work, homework, fly to New York, get in at two in the morning, do a morning show at 5 a.m., then another one at 7, then a radio interview at 10."



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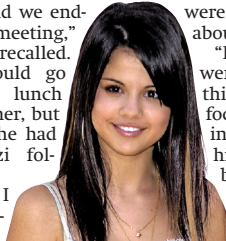
Selena reflects on dating Taylor

TEENAGED LOVE Selena Gomez confirms she is no longer dating Twilight star Taylor Lautner, us-magazine.com reports.

"He's a great guy. But I am 100 per cent single, and I'm going to keep it that way for a while," she told Seventeen.

She says they met earlier this year in Vancouver while he was shooting New Moon and she was filming Ramona and Beezus.

"Kristen (Stewart) was staying in my hotel. He would visit her, so we were constantly running into each other in the lobby — and we ended up meeting," Gomez recalled. "We would go out to lunch and dinner, but I knew he had paparazzi following him and I had pa-



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parazzi following me. So we literally just wanted to hang out, go bowling and stuff, and it went a little too far, I think. People were getting a little crazy about us.

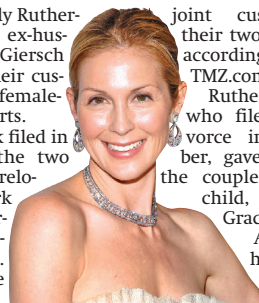
"But it was fun — I went to Vancouver thinking I was going to focus on my work, but instead I got to meet him, and it ended up being the best thing ever," she said.

Kelly and ex-hubby reaches custody deal

UGLY BATTLE Kelly Rutherford and her ex-husband Daniel Giersch have settled their custody battle, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

In paperwork filed in Los Angeles, the two have agreed to relocate to New York while Rutherford shoots Gossip Girl there. They will share

joint custody of their two children, according to TMZ.com. Rutherford, who filed for divorce in December, gave birth to the couple's second child, Helena Grace, in June. At the height of the pair's



custody battle, Rutherford accused her ex of being "angry" all the time and admitted she had hired a private detective to install cameras in her ex's Los Angeles home — to check on his parenting techniques.

In the midst of the court battle, Rutherford asked a judge to help the parents settle a toilet-training disagreement.

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Baby on the way for Penelope

PREGNANCY Penelope Cruz is having Javier Bardem's baby, a source confirms to Just Jared. "Penelope is about four months pregnant," the source said.

"She's really healthy now and will be a great mother." But don't expect the two actors to tie the knot anytime soon. "When I (have babies), I want to do it really well," Cruz said in the latest issue of Britain's Psychology magazine.

"I want it to be my best project in life. I don't know if I believe in marriage. I believe in family, love and children."

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Dustin sues over sex pics with ex

DAMAGE CONTROL Screenwriter Dustin Lance Black is suing a website that published X-rated photos of him and an ex-lover, according to Page Six.

Black is seeking \$3 million US in damages from starzlife.com over invasion of privacy, copyright infringement and violation of the right of publicity. Black says he thought his ex-boyfriend had deleted the photos long ago.

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Don't judge me, Sienna pleads

SELF DEFENCE Sienna Miller is getting tired of having to explain her love life to people. "I do think sometimes people get morally superior without understanding situations," Miller said of her relationship with Balthazar Getty. "If I could go back and be more responsible, I would ... Well, I probably would be less naive about ignoring the fact that people care."

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Fame a rough ride: Leighton

A DOWNSIDE TO EVERYTHING Leighton Meester understands that being on Gossip Girl puts her in the spotlight — but she doesn't have to like it, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

"I don't want most of what comes along with all of this," she told Harper's Bazaar. One downside came when an ex-boyfriend began shopping around an alleged sex tape. "(The tape) is not

real, so it makes me sort of sad," she said. "It's unfortunate that it got carried as far as it did."

Meester says the incident taught her some life lessons. "I definitely understand the nature of people better now and that the mere allegation of something like that could be headline news."

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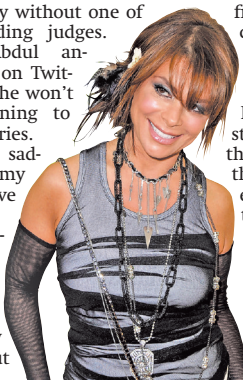
Paula ditches Idol ship

CAREER CHANGE It looks like American Idol will return in January without one of its founding judges.

Paula Abdul announced on Twitter that she won't be returning to the hit series. "With sadness in my heart, I've decided not to return to Idol. I'll miss nurturing all the new talent, but

most of all being a part of a show that I helped from day one become an international phenomenon." Idol's studio, Fox, released a statement saying they are "saddened that she has decided not to return to the show."

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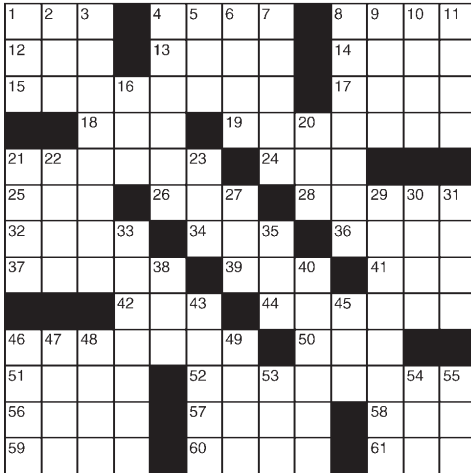
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ACROSS

- 1 Elmer, to Bugs
- 4 Prison
- 8 Tiers
- 12 Gabor or Peron
- 13 Relaxation
- 14 Send forth
- 15 "The island of romance," in song
- 17 Baseball team
- 18 Do sums
- 19 "Rockabye Baby" site
- 21 Russian wolfhound
- 24 Tend the lawn
- 25 Mound stat
- 26 "— Miniver"
- 28 Cheesy chip
- 32 Dracula's usual target
- 34 Conger, e.g.
- 36 Reclined
- 37 Clan emblem
- 39 — tac-toe
- 41 Sleuth
- 42 Addressee
- 44 Procession
- 46 Constricting snakes

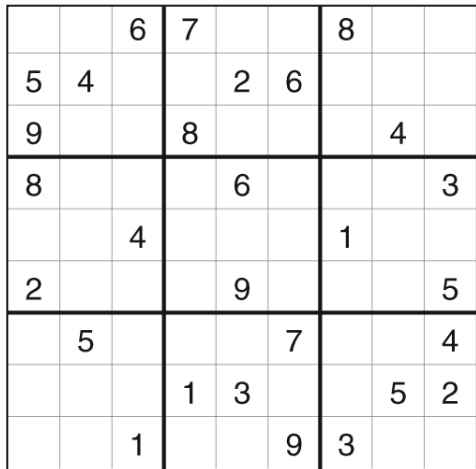
DOWN

- 1 Year-end abbr.
- 2 Eventual aves
- 3 Waterfall
- 4 Hardly ever
- 5 — chi
- 6 "It — Fair"
- 7 Get more ammo
- 8 Cancellation's opposite
- 9 Leave out
- 10 Drunkard
- 11 Put one's foot down?
- 16 Wood-shaping tool
- 20 A billion years
- 21 Crooked
- 22 Sandwich treat
- 23 Anger
- 27 Prepared
- 29 Underground cemetery
- 30 Wasted no time
- 31 Erstwhile
- 33 Peeper's place?
- 35 Pitcher part
- 38 Dr. Seuss' "Mr. Brown Can —! Can You?"
- 40 Cellist Pablo
- 43 Open a bottle
- 45 Cath. or Prot.
- 46 Clear of snow
- 47 Bygone times
- 48 Ski lift
- 49 Moviedom's "Elephant Boy"
- 53 Sawbuck
- 54 Earth (Pref.)
- 55 Pigs' digs

Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



3	8	1	9	6	4	5	2	7
6	9	5	3	2	7	8	4	1
2	7	4	1	5	8	3	6	9
4	5	2	6	3	1	9	7	8
8	3	6	4	7	9	2	1	5
7	1	9	2	8	5	4	3	6
1	6	8	5	4	2	7	9	3
9	4	7	8	1	3	6	5	2
5	2	3	7	9	6	1	8	4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20



You must not limit yourself in any way, shape or form. Be active, be ambitious and be the one who always seems to make things happen.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23



This is a good time for friendships and social activities but watch you don't spread yourself too thinly. There is only so much of you to go around.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21



You may have to get tough with someone you love today but if you don't do it now they will make a huge mess of things later on.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22



You won't reach certain targets without assistance, so look for people who can give you a leg up. Someone will be glad to help you if you ask them.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21



Cosmic activity makes it easy for you to win others over to your way of thinking. That does not mean that your way of thinking is right.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21



Everything is going well for you now and life will be even more enjoyable over the next few days. You don't have to make much effort right now.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22



In the next few days you will get an offer that's hard to turn down. It will mean more work, but also more prestige and, in the long term, more money.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20



The sun in Leo puts the emphasis on your long-term wealth. Over the next few weeks you'll be more adventurous financially — but don't risk everything.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23



Look out for your own interests today and ignore those who say you're being selfish. Something special will happen over the next 24 hours.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18



If you have fallen out with a partner, loved one or friend, or even someone you work with, make it a priority today to get back on good terms with them.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22



Today's lunar eclipse may tempt you to give up on something that's taking up time and energy, but if you stop now you will regret it later. Keep at it.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20



Someone you work with will be aggressive today but you must not be aggressive in return, or your relationship will be irrevocably damaged.

WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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- Possess a traffic pylon (1)
- Noontime meal gang (1)
- Drill a hole into a room bottom (1)
- Combining-of-companies advocate (2)
- Negatively reviewed a rope of pearls (1)
- Group spirit in a livestock pen (2)
- Singer Houston's small buses (2)

ANSWERS: 1. PANNED STRAND 2. LUNCH BUNCH 3. BORE FLOOR 4. MERGER FURGER 5. FANNED STRAND 6. CORAL MORALE 7. WHIRLS JITTERS 8. BOMB-BOI

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